



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

**Erik R. Swenson, et al.**

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Filed: September 8, 2003

For: **SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD OF  
COMMUNICATING CONTROL  
INFORMATION BETWEEN ENTITIES  
INTERCONNECTED BY BACKPLANE  
CONNECTIONS**

Art Unit: 2836

Examiner: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

***Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment***

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to commencing substantive examination, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.

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Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this transmittal. However, if any fees are in fact due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Docket No. 02453.0022.NPUS00.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Docket No. 02453.0022.NPUS00.

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